

WILL OR WILL NOT HANCOCK SPEAK?

Detectives Promise Full
Confession From Him.

COUNSEL MAKE FLAT DENIAL

Hold Prisoner Can Say Naught—Hyattsville Expectant.

Has Winfield Scott Hancock made a confession, partial or entire, covering his knowledge of the death of Emma Smallwood, of Hyattsville?

The detectives who have been at work on the case declare positively that he has, and that an incomplete confession now in their possession will be followed soon by a complete one.

On the other hand, the attorneys for the accused man, Wells and Rogers, in a statement made at Upper Marlboro, where Hancock is confined in jail, declared this afternoon that any claim that a confession had been obtained was utterly false.

Despite the flat contradiction, feeling is strong, at both Hyattsville and Upper Marlboro, that determinative developments in the mysterious case of supposed murder are close at hand.

Hagan and Burns Expect
Complete Confession

HYATTSVILLE, Oct. 20.—The Smallwood murder mystery is confidently expected to be solved today by the confession of Winfield Scott Hancock, the accused man, who is under arrest, and in the county jail at Upper Marlboro.

Coroner Arthur Carr admitted this much today. Detectives Hagan and Burns and Constable Garrison were at Upper Marlboro last night. They informed the coroner that the man was weakening, and had made a partial confession. The detectives remained at Upper Marlboro today, and are confident that the man will explain in detail how, when, and where the woman's life was taken.

Joshua Braxton, a colored hostler at Collingsworth, the Hancock house, charged with being an accomplice in the crime, was arrested last evening by Constable Garrison on evidence gathered by the detectives. Braxton was taken to Upper Marlboro last night, but refused to make a confession or even intimate that he was connected with the crime.

Say Hostler Knows.

The detectives claim that this man knows when the woman died, and that he was a witness when the operation which cost her life was performed.

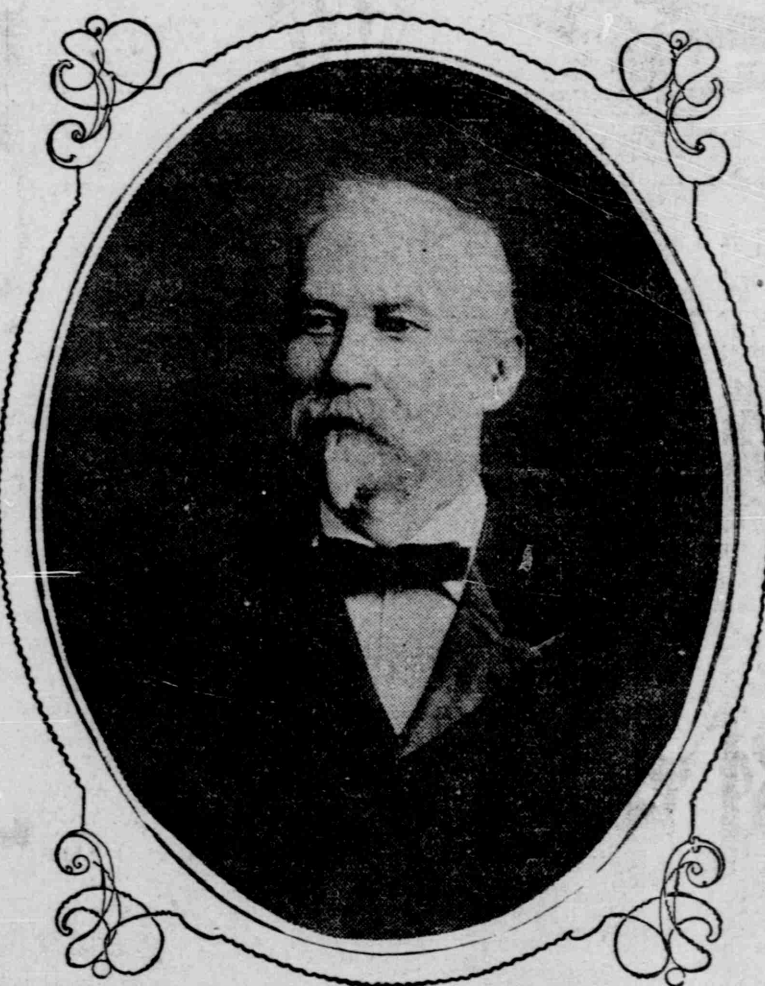
These statements, following the information given to The Times yesterday by the detectives, have amazed the people of Hyattsville. They were sure that the Smallwood woman died in the room where her dead body was viewed by Dr. Lattimer, a week ago today.

When asked on what ground they had for basing the claim that a confession would be made today, Justice Carr evaded a reply. Dr. Lattimer, who was present when the question was asked, answering it for the coroner, said he was confident from the beginning that the man would break down and reveal all he knew.

Yielded to Questioning.

Last night, when the detectives began pressing him, Hancock at first pleaded innocence. Repeated questioning, however, led him to tell the detectives where they could find a portion of the bed-clothing used on the bed on which the woman died. This and the evidence that

HYATTSVILLE OFFICIAL WHO IS
SERVING ON SMALLWOOD JURY



JOHN F. HICKEY,
Justice of the Peace and Prominent Citizen of the Distracted Suburb.

had already been gained about Hancock's approaching Braxton to bury the dead body last Wednesday afternoon form the ground upon which the detectives are working for a full confession.

Detective Hagan is disinclined to give out much information of the sensational discoveries that he and Burns are known to have made. They hold it would impede progress in the search.

When the detectives first visited the Hancock home they were satisfied that the right man had been arrested. Since that time they have had no occasion to change their minds.

Await Magruder.

One of the jurors has been instructed by Coroner Carr to see State's Attorney Magruder today and learn when the inquest may be continued.

He is expected to return to Hyattsville this afternoon with orders, and it is thought Carr will have sufficient evidence to enable the jury to return a verdict soon, probably at a session tomorrow.

Members of the press were admitted to the Hancock home today, and members of the family refused to answer any questions. Mrs. Hancock and Mrs. Mackall are both confined to their beds, according to a statement made by an intermediary, Miss Mary Crook, a niece of the Hancock.

Hancock Said Nothing,
His Attorneys Insist

UPPER MARLBORO, Md., Oct. 20.—Attorneys Wells and Rogers visited Winfield Scott Hancock in his cell this morning and later gave out the following statement:

"The alleged statement of Constable Garrison that Hancock had made any incriminating confession to either him or Detectives Burns and Hagan is absolutely false. Mr. Hancock has made no admissions from his first statement, and any information that he has made a confession of any kind is also false."

Wanted Sleuths Barred.

It is reported that Attorney Rogers visited Judge Merrick last night and asked that an order be issued restraining the detectives from questioning

Hancock on the ground that he is a sick man, and that his present condition, due to indulgence in drinking, has left him in such a nervous condition that they have no right to question him until he has sufficiently recovered.

Defense Bids Time.

Attorney Wells stated this morning that the defense would do nothing until after the coroner's inquest was finished. He stated further that habeas corpus proceedings would not be resorted to at present.

State's Attorney Magruder has said that he does not know when the inquest will be continued, as the matter now rests with Coroner Carr.

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